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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN INTENTIONS TOWARD FIFTH INTERNATIONAL TIN  
AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 101820

1. BOLIVIAN MINISTER OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION, GENERAL JUAN  
LECHIN, TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE APRIL 28 THAT PRESIDENT BANZER  
SENT TELEGRAM EVENING APRIL 27 TO PRESIDENT TIN COUNCIL ACCEPTING  
PROPOSAL FOR URGENT CONSULTATION BY COUNCIL DELEGATION IN LA PAZ.  
LECHIN SAID ATTITUDE OF GOB WILL BE CONCILIATORY BY SEEKING  
TO RESOLVE SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OVER PROVISIONS OF THE  
FIFTH INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT. MINISTER ALSO SAID  
THAT BOLIVIA SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING  
PROVOKED WHAT APPEARS TO BE INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT BUT  
BELIEVES THAT ITS DISAGREEMENTS ARE MATTER OF MAJOR ECONOMIC  
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IMPORTANCE TO BOLIVIA. STATED FURTHER THAT BOLIVIAN NEGOTIATING

TEAM NOT DO SATISFACTORY JOB IN EARLIER INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS. HE REFERRED ME TO MINISTER OF MINES FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION WHICH I INTEND TO HAVE SOONEST.

2. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS IN PARA 1 OF REFTTEL, WE HERE CONCLUDE THAT PRESENT GOB POSITION REFLECTS BASIC DISSATISFACTION WITH PROVISIONS OF THE ITA. WHILE ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION NOT TO SIGN CAN BE CONSTRUED AS TACTICAL MOVE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ITS AIM IS TO STRENGTHEN BOLIVIAN HAND AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING OF THE ITC. MINISTER LECHIN STATED THAT BOLIVIA HAS STRONG INTEREST IN WORKING OUT BASIS FOR ITS SIGNING ITA BECUASE IT IS IN THE COUNTRY'S BEST INTERESTS TO BE IN AND NOT OUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

3. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON THE BOLIVIAN POSITION TOWARD THE ITA.  
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